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SUBJ: IRANIAN DEFENSE HARDWARE DEALS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES

IN MEETING JANUARY 24 WITH MAAG AND EMBASSY OFFICERS,  
GENERAL TOUFANIAN, VICE MINISTER OF WAR FOR ARMAMENTS, '  
MENTIONED FOLLOWING POSSIBLE ARMS DEALS WITH UK AND FRG:

(A) UK - IRAN DISCUSSING CO-PRODUCTION OF 105 MM AND 120 MM  
GUNS, APDS AMMUNITION, MORTARS AND TANK SPARE PARTS.  
WHILE IN LONDON LAST WEEK, TOUFANIAN REASSURED BRITS GOI WAS  
NOT THINKING OF CANCELLING CHIEFTAIN TANK SALE TO REPLACE IT  
WITH LEOPARD TANKS.

(B) GERMANY -NJBI AND FRG ARE DISCUSSING LOCATION IN IRAN  
OF PLANTS TO MANUFACTURE 1500-1800 HP TANK ENGINES, SP WITH BORE

GUN BARRLS AND TRACKS FOR TANKS AND OTHER TRACKED VEHICLES.  
ENGINES AND GUN BARRELS MIGHT LATER BE INSTALLED ON M-60 TANKS.

DIEHL COMPANY WOULD HANDLE TANK TRACK FACTORY.

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2. FRENCH HAD MADE PROPOSAL FOR CO-PRODUCTION OF ROCKET MOTORS WHICH GOI REJECTED. FOLLOWING EXOCET MISSILE TEST IN FRANCE SOME TIME AGO WHICH TOUFANIAN WITNESSED AND WHICH HE CONSIDERED DECEPTIVE, SHAH HAD DIRECTED THAT IRAN LOOK TO U.S. FOR ASSISTANCE ON MISSILES AND ELECTRONICS.

3. COMMENT: ALL OF FOREGOING CAME RAPID-FIRE AND WITHOUT FURTHER DETAILS. WE SHALL REPORT ADDITIONAL FACTS AS THEY ARE DEVELOPED AND WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEES KEEPING AN EAR TO THE GROUND.  
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